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SUBJ: SENATOR MATHIAS VISIT TO SYRIA

1. AS SENATOR MATHIAS' VISIT TO DAMASCUS CAME TO CLOSE, STAFF MEMBER WILLIAM ROSSITER GAVE POLOFF FOLLOWING SET OF ELEVEN QUESTIONS ON WHICH HE SAID SENATOR WOULD LIKE EMBASSY'S WRITTEN RESPONSE (TEXT OF QUESTIONS AS GIVEN):

A. DEGREE OF SYRIAN MILITARY READINESS?

B. MINIMAL SYRIAN DEMANDS VIS-A-VIS GOLAN?

C. SYRIAN INTENTIONS REGARDING SOUTH LEBANON PROBLEM?

D. SYRIAN ATTITUDES REGARDING CONTINUATION OF STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AS OPPOSED TO RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE?

E. SYRIAN UTILIZATION OF \$25 MILLION?

1) \$20 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURE

2) \$4 MILLION FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES FEASIBILITY STUDIES

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3) \$1 MILLION FOR TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FOLLOW

ON OF OTHER \$75 MILLION AND FY 76?

F. SYRIAN JEWS?

G. ATTITUDE PLO?

H. ESTIMATE OF SADAT'S STABILITY?

I. HOW COMMITTED IS SYRIA TO RUSSIA?

J. AID FROM OTHER DONORS - NOW AND FUTURE?

K. WHETHER WILLING TO SIGN PEACE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL
IF WITHDRAWAL IS TO PRE-1967 BORDER?

2. OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD HAVE ENJOYED OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
ALL THESE QUESTIONS DIRECTLY WITH SENATOR MATHIAS BUT TIME
DID NOT PERMIT. SOME QUESTIONS, I.E. SADAT, ARE BETTER
ANSWERED FROM ELSEWHERE AND SEVERAL OTHER QUESTIONS WOULD BE
OUR IN-HOUSE APPRAISAL AT BEST.

3. AFTER HAVING REVIEWED QUESTIONS AND THOUGHT OF POSSIBLE
RESPONSES, WE WONDER IF IT WOULD NOT BE BETTER FOR DEPT
OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH SENATOR OR ROSSITER FOR SAME SORT OF
DISCUSSION OF SYRIAN ISSUES THAT WE MIGHT HAVE HAD HERE.
SHOULD DEPT PREFER, HOWEVER, WE CAN PROVIDE WRITTEN ANSWERS.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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